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THE CASE OF THE *DRESSERS & DEALERS* IN LEATHER,

Humbly offered to the Consideration of the Honourable the Knights, Citizens *and* Burgesses, *in* Parliament *Assembled.*

I. THAT the present Duty upon *Hides* and *Skins* is very Burthensome to the *Dealers* therein, who are Generally, in very mean Circumstances, and if a farther Duty should be laid thereon, many Thousand Families may be Ruin'd thereby; for many Hundred Thousand Skins are not worth more than the Dressing and present Duty; and should a farther Duty be laid on them, they will not be Dresst.

II. THAT all Imported *Hides* and *Skins* do already pay an excessive Duty, and should a farther Duty be laid, it will amount to a Prohibition, and thereby discourage the Exportation of the *Woollen Manufactory*, with which those *Hides* and *Skins* are Purchas'd, and will lessen the present Revenue. The Natives abroad will Wear the *Skins* which are the Product of their own Country, whereby the Traders in *Leather* will loose great part of their Livelyhoods, and greatly hinder Foreign Commerce, which is of so great Benifit to *Great Brittain.*

Therefore it is humbly hoped that this Honourable House will take the Premises into Serious Consideration, and not add a farther Burthen to so declining a Trade, which is not able to Bare what is already Impos'd upon it.

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